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In re application of: Steven M. Reinecke et al.  
Date Filed: November 13, 2003  
Title: BRACE WITH INTEGRATED LUMBAR  
SUPPORT SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in United States Patent Application No. 10/407,052, filed April 3, 2003 by Applicants and entitled "Dynamically Adjustable Stabilization Brace," be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation-in-part patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished. Furthermore, no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art, that a search has been made, or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is believed due. If, however, Applicants have overlooked the need for a fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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	<b>B</b>	2,835,247	05/20/1958	Stabholz	128	78	08/29/1956	
	<b>C</b>	3,029,810	08/17/1962	Martin	128	78	08/01/1960	
	<b>D</b>	3,351,053	11/07/1967	Stuttle	128	78	11/13/1962	
	<b>E</b>	3,420,230	01/07/1969	Ballard	128	75	12/06/1965	
	<b>F</b>	3,521,623	07/28/1970	Nichols et al.	128	78	02/12/1965	
	<b>G</b>	3,548,817	12/22/1970	Mittasch	128	75	04/29/1968	
	<b>H</b>	3,598,114	08/10/1971	Lewis	128	78	03/26/1969	
	<b>I</b>	3,889,664	06/17/1975	Heuser et al.	128	75	05/13/1974	
	<b>J</b>	3,926,182	12/16/1975	Stabholz	128	75	01/24/1974	
	<b>K</b>	4,135,503	01/23/1979	Romano	128	78	01/05/1977	
	<b>L</b>	4,269,179	05/26/1981	Burton et al.	128	75	03/22/1979	
	<b>M</b>	4,497,517	02/05/1985	Gmeiner et al.	297	231	06/30/1982	
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	<b>R</b>	Unknown, "Office, Computer and Industrial Ergonomics," AliMed, Dedham, Massachusetts, 2 page brochure						1993
	<b>S</b>	Unknown, "1992 Catalog," The Saunders Group, Inc., brochure, 2 pages						1992
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	C	4,622,957	11/18/1986	Curlee	128	78	07/03/1984
	D	4,682,588	07/28/1987	Curlee	128	78	05/07/1985
	E	4,685,668	08/11/1987	Newlin, Jr.	272	123	10/30/1986
	F	4,691,696	09/08/1987	Farfan de los Godos	128	78	02/01/1985
	G	4,702,235	10/27/1987	Hong	128	78	05/17/1986
	H	4,715,362	12/29/1987	Scott	128	75	02/27/1986
	I	4,721,102	01/26/1988	Pethybridge	128	78	08/16/1986
	J	4,836,194	06/06/1989	Sebastian et al.	128	78	08/17/1987
	K	4,884,562	12/05/1989	Stone	128	78	12/22/1986
	L	4,898,185	02/06/1990	Fuller	128	876	02/24/1989
	M	4,907,575	03/13/1990	Satterthwaite	128	75	08/03/1988
	N	4,991,572	02/12/1991	Chases	128	75	10/30/1989
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	S	Reinecke et al., "Canting Mechanism for an Ambulatory Support Device," patent application, 09/875,473, pending	06/05/2001
	T	Reinecke et al., "Traction Device Adjustment Mechanism and Method," patent application, 09/875,315, pending	06/05/2001
	U	Reinecke et al., "Measurement Device for Fitting a Bracing Device," patent application, 10/154,695, pending	05/23/2002

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	C	5,111,807	05/12/1992	Spahn et al.	606	244	10/11/1990
	D	5,144,943	09/08/1992	Luttrell et al.	128	25 B	07/09/1990
	E	5,188,586	02/23/1993	Castel et al.	602	19	10/04/1991
	F	5,207,635	05/04/1993	Richards et al.	602	19	02/27/1992
	G	5,256,135	10/26/1993	Avihod	602	19	01/23/1992
	H	5,363,863	11/15/1994	Lelli et al.	128	876	04/23/1993
	I	5,382,226	01/17/1995	Graham	602	32	02/12/1993
	J	5,403,266	04/04/1995	Bragg et al.	602	5	07/06/1993
	K	5,437,617	08/01/1995	Heinz et al.	602	19	08/29/1994
	L	5,441,479	08/15/1995	Chitwood	602	18	09/13/1993
	M	5,462,518	10/31/1995	Hatley et al.	602	36	03/07/1994
	N	5,586,969	12/24/1996	Yewer, Jr.	602	19	06/16/1995
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	R	Reinecke et al., "Ambulatory Cyclic Traction Device," patent application, 10/370,823, pending	02/20/2003
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	<b>B</b>	5,690,609	11/25/1997	Heinze, III	602	19	05/13/1996	
	<b>C</b>	5,722,940	03/03/1998	Gaylord, Jr. et al.	602	19	07/16/1996	
	<b>D</b>	5,913,410	06/22/1999	Tsuchiya	2	311	02/24/1998	
	<b>E</b>	5,916,188	06/29/1999	Ousdal	602	32	07/16/1997	
	<b>F</b>	6,099,490	08/08/2000	Turtzo	602	19	10/29/1998	
	<b>G</b>	6,146,345	11/14/2000	Mignard	602	19	09/04/1998c	
	<b>H</b>	6,533,740	03/18/2003	Reinecke et al.			06/05/2001	
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